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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2133

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For: COOPERATIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM, COOPERATIVE PROCESSING
APPARATUS, AND COOPERATIVE PROCESSING METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the September 18, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 3, 8 and 13 contain allowable subject matter. These claims are not rewritten in independent form, because it is believed that the base claims from which they depend are allowable as discussed below.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,898,733 to Parks et al. ("Parks"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites a cooperative processing apparatus for executing a cooperative process of respective services based on cooperative instruction information that includes, among other features, an error determining section that determines an error which